

CALENDER 2008

SOUTHERN COMMAND

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Year in Review

Overview of Operations

The Southern Command handled 13,792 crashes throughout calendar year 2008. There were 83 fatal, 3,388 injury, and 10,321 property damage crashes. These numbers reflect a 10.3% decrease in total crashes over 2007. The 83 fatal crashes resulted in 94 fatalities which is a 7.8% decrease in fatal crashes and there was no change in the number of total persons killed over 2007. Of the total crashes, 592 or 4.3% involved impaired drivers. 41 of the 94 persons killed, or 53.9%, were not restrained at the time of the crash. There were 585 total crashes involving commercial vehicles. This number reflects a 19.8% decrease as compared to 2007. There was a 45.5% decrease in fatal crashes involving commercial vehicles. There was a 7.7% decrease in overall enforcement, and there was an 8.0% decrease in other arrests as well as a 1.4% decrease in speeding citations and a 21.7% decrease in occupant restraint citations. Southern Command personnel arrested a total of 2,596 drivers for DUI and saw a 23.2% decrease in DUI arrests from crashes in 2008. Commercial personnel recorded increases in several areas. Hazardous Moving violations increased 23.3%, terminal inspections increased 167.4%, trucks weighed increased 3.9%. The Communications Center saw increases in all areas except CAD incidents which decreased 7.8%. Interdiction and Criminal Enforcement (I.C.E.) seized \$885,310.00 in U.S. currency in 2008, as well as 24.49 pounds of cocaine and 23.17 pounds of methamphetamine.

Critical Issues

During 2008 the Southern Command continued to utilize the NSRS-NDOT 800Mhz system. There were failures and problems with the system with a continuing lack of coverage in several critical areas. Homeland Security initiatives required redirection of personnel for specific holidays, anniversaries, and major events throughout the year.

Significant Events / Operations

The Southern Command was tasked with and completed a number of major operations. Many of these operations could not have been completed successfully without multi-agency and interdivisional assistance and cooperation. Major operations included Laughlin River Run, NASCAR, USAF Aviation Nation, Las Vegas Grand Prix, Las Vegas Marathon, and Baker to Vegas Run, dignitary visits, and New Year's Eve.

On behalf of the entire Southern Command Staff I thank and commend the Southern Command employees, both sworn and civilian for their efforts, dedication and professionalism throughout the year.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	2008		2007	% Change		2006	% Change
Total crashes	13792		15373	-10.3%		15400	-0.2%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	10321		11574	-10.8%		11358	1.9%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3388		3709	-8.7%		3945	-6.0%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	83		90	-7.8%		97	-7.2%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	592		771	-23.2%		824	-6.4%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	94		94	0.0%		117	-19.7%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	28		31	-9.7%		35	-11.4%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	13		10	30.0%		18	-44.4%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	26		25	4.0%		30	-16.7%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	10		4	150.0%		18	-77.8%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	18		24	-25.0%		16	50.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	585		729	-19.8%		781	-6.7%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	484		581	-16.7%		631	-7.9%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	95		141	-32.6%		138	2.2%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	6		11	-45.5%		12	-8.3%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.6 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.3%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 53.9%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.2 %
- ✱ Total crashes are down 10.3 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes are down 19.8% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes are down 7.8% compared to last year.

I.C.E.TEAM / TASK FORCE OPERATIONS

ICE Team Annual recap	2008	2007	2006	2005
U.S. Currency Seized	\$885,310.00	\$1,646,896.00	\$2,601,707.00	\$3,368,191.00
Cocaine	24.49 LBS	348.11 LBS	164.41 LBS	390.77 LBS
Methamphetamines	23.17 LBS	61.2 LBS	80.48 LBS	75.12 LBS
Marijuana	266.93 LBS	192.6 LBS	952.50 LBS	1,616.54 LBS
Felony / Drug Arrests	773	2184	145	168
Other Arrests	18	50	142	143

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	2008	2007	% Change	2006	% Change
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS					
DUI arrests from crashes ##	592	771	-23.2%	824	-6.4%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	2004	2231	-10.2%	2229	0.1%
Other arrests	12559	13649	-8.0%	12451	9.6%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	4689	5071	-7.5%	5320	-4.7%
Speed violations	48658	49338	-1.4%	42575	15.9%
Hazardous moving violations	25846	28566	-9.5%	28078	1.7%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	7068	9023	-21.7%	8265	9.2%
Total violations [above violations included]	134640	145906	-7.7%	132924	9.8%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	1042	845	22.2%	960	-12.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	2926	2783	4.7%	2567	8.4%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	9506	10218	-7.5%	8649	18.1%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	115	43	167.4%	64	-32.8%
Total safety violations -- citation	3532	4098	-14.4%	3715	10.3%
Total safety violations -- repair order	15298	19843	-23.4%	19748	0.5%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	957	1369	-30.5%	1295	5.7%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	536	793	-32.8%	860	-7.8%
Total school buses inspected	3060	3011	-1.7%	2774	8.5%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	392	512	-26.4%	394	29.9%
Total trucks weighed	11256	10829	-4.6%	9406	15.1%
Total overweight citations	275	405	-32.1%	680	-40.4%
Total dyed fuel inspections	7875	10272	-23.9%	8194	25.4%
Total dyed fuel citations	7	15	-53.3%	33	-54.5%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	2008	2007	2006
Level 2/3 Inspections	152	454	361
Safety Violations Citation	19	150	151
Safety Violations Repair Order	26	260	330
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	10	21	44
Dyed Fuel Inspections	2	76	2
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	11	2

IMPAIRED DRIVER ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.148%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 33.3 years old.
- ✱ .44% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 5.24 %of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	2008		2007	% Change		2006	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	4,231,311		3,914,014	8.1%		1,788,717	118.8%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	19,871,030		14,113,369	40.8%		8,488,422	66.3%
CAD Incidents	293,143		318,046	-7.8%		309,956	2.6%
Telephone Calls	417,885		417,627	0.1%		394,686	5.8%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	680		518	31.3%		843	-38.6%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	14,262		16,051	-11.1%		14,359	11.8%
Arrest Reports Processed	4,732		4,571	3.5%		4,999	-8.6%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	340		250	36.0%		170	47.1%
Vehicle Impound Releases	1,381		1,475	-6.4%		1,600	-7.8%
Visitors at Counter	10,898		11,025	-1.2%		12,034	-8.4%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	73,445		72,362	1.5%		72,350	0.9%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	9,136		11,338	-19.4%		5,801	95.4%
Warrants Entered	4,603		5,333	-13.7%		3,421	55.9%
Warrants Cleared	5,138		4,709	9.1%		4,083	15.3%
Warrants Validated	15,284		19,497	-21.6%		17,896	8.9%
Extradition / Transports	174		170	2.4%		153	11.1%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	700		756	-7.4%		1,269	-45.4%
New Items Submitted	1,601		1,442	11.0%		2,268	-42.2%
Items Disposed	2,193		576	280.7%		501	-79.4%

***Information is received from a private entity and they have identified problems within their calculations.

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 84.02 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 12.78 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 1.51 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0.48 % of case submissions.
- ✱ OPR Division is responsible for 0.58% of case submissions.

CONTRACT SERVICES

- ✱ 178 Contracts requiring 6,361.46 work hours, billing \$434,180.18

COMMENDATIONS

- ✱ There were 230 commendations issued to personnel from the Southern Command.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Calls	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response	
13,804	187	1578	390	115	
Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
7734	5230	642	1706	1048	698

COMMUNITY SUPPORT - Volunteer projects using members of the DPS-Highway Patrol:

- Safe Community Partnership; pedestrian safety, drinking driving issues
- Safe Street Halloween event
- Speedway Children's Charities
- Special Olympics Nevada, tip-a-cop, Cops on donut shops, torch run, worlds largest convoy, Olympic Staff
- Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America
- Blankets to LV homeless
- Toys to Pediatric ICU patients
- Kids Ride w/Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation
- Las Vegas After-School All-Stars
- Attorney Generals Advisory Coalition on Impaired Driving
- Work with Stand Tall, Don't Fall (underage drinking)
- Think First Nevada-Nevada Injury Prevention
- All LV driving schools
- Nevada Retired Employees Association
- Central Rotary Club
- Lion's Club
- American Cancer Society // Relay for Life
- Opportunity Village; Great Santa run, Christmas in July
- Police Athletic League
- Stop DUI Nevada
- Driver's Edge
- Several Escorts for fallen LV Military Service Members